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JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT SARKIS AT
BAABDA AT 1130 LOCAL FEBRUARY 15. MADE VERY BRIEF
STATEMENT THAT I HAPPY TO BE BACK IN LEBANON AGAIN
AND HONORED TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR
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HERE. PRESIDENT RESPONDED WITH SOMEWHAT LONGER
STATEMENT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR AMERICAN
AID IN PAST AND HIS NEED FOR OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
IN FUTURE.

2. WE THEN SAT DOWN FOR GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE
AND TEN-MINUTE EXCHANGE, DURING WHICH PRESIDENT

SPOKE FEELINGLY OF DELICATE PHASE THROUGH WHICH LEBANON PASSING, OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING CLIMATE IN WHICH ALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES COULD LIVE IN HARMONY AND ON NEED FOR BASIC REFORMS TO ASSURE THIS GOAL. I ASSURED HIM OF MY GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO HELP AND NOTED THAT SECRETARY WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY IN THIS REGARD DURING HIS VISIT HERE. SAID I WAS SURE HE WOULD FIND SECRETARY EASY TO TALK TO AND WOULD GET SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE FROM HIM. POINTED TO SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO DAMASCUS PAPER (TISHRIN) ABOUT LEBANON AS EVIDENCE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR UNIFIED STATE AND SAID HE COULD COUNT ON ME AS SINCERE FRIEND OF LEBANON WHO DEVOTED TO HELPING HIM TO BEST MY ABILITY.

3. COMMENT: SARKIS IS RATHER SHY INDIVIDUAL, WHO SEEMED SOMEWHAT ILL AT EASE IN SPEAKING FORMALLY. HE WARMED UP WHEN I TOLD HIM I AT HIS SERVICE, BUT SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR MAN WHO WILL BE A LITTLE STIFF AT FIRST.

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